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## AROUSE, YE PATRIOTS!

Letter From a Young Democrat Who Still Loves Great Bend.



The following letter shows that George Moss still has a warm place in his heart for our people and is moved by the same spirit of patriotism that enthuses all good citizens.

Providence, Rhode Island, May 19, 1897.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:

If I may again be permitted to trespass upon a small portion of this paper's space I would like to say a few words to the citizens of Great Bend in regard to a Fourth of July celebration. If it has not already been decided in favor of having one I would most strongly urge you to give this your immediate attention.

Great Bend is the county seat of Barton county, its largest city, and the place the people in general look to to take the lead in matters of this kind. There are but two days in the year entirely given up by our people to holidays—Christmas and Fourth of July—and they are as unlike as night and day. While the former is a home and church day, the latter is any thing but it. On that day we want to have a good time, and we want the children to; we want them to remember what day it is; we want something to stir us; we want to celebrate and we ought to, for it is America's day, it is our day, it is the Fourth of July.

It is to your interests to furnish amusement on that day to the people that patronize your city during the year; the farming element more particularly, the tillers of the soil, to whom a holiday means so much. As I said they look to you for this, and if you slight them so will they you.

It seems to me you could afford, and should celebrate every year, or at least when no other place in the county does. Of course you do not want to be selfish and not give the surrounding towns a chance, but Ellinwood celebrated last year and it is your turn this. If you shrink you fail in your obligation to the people of Barton county. Possibly some will say: "We cannot afford it." To them I will say, you cannot afford not to. If by expending one dollar you gain five, could you not afford it? Look at the crowd a celebration brings to town. It has been estimated that they will spend on an average of fifty cents each. I deem the estimate low. Figure out about what you think this would come to, then examine the book in possession of the Commercial Club for the cost and see how you come out.

But I don't care if you are not ahead a dollar, I say celebrate. It pays; it brings people to town; it shows that you are wide awake, and it advertises. Above all it shows you are thinking of the enjoyment of your people. Be up and doing! Do not say I cannot, but I will! A town with as good prospects as Great Bend has cannot afford to lag behind.

You do not want a \$300 or \$400 celebration, you cannot afford it and the people do not expect it; nor is it necessary. The book kept by the Commercial Club shows an accurate account of the last two celebrations. The first acted as a guide to the second, so that the same mistakes were not made, and many said it was an improvement. It cost about half as much. Now you have two guides, and no doubt but what other mistakes can be rectified and more improvements made. In the report of '95 you will not only find how the money was spent, but where it came from.

Again I say HUSTLE! What has been done can be done again. There are three requisites, work, work, work. Make up your minds and never stop pushing until it is an assured success.

Someone has to take the lead. What is everybody's business is nobody's, you know. I would say let the Commercial Club have charge of it. That organization is composed of bright, energetic and capable young men. I know they are rustlers, they go in to win, and if they take hold of it you can be assured it will be no failure. Let the club call a special meeting at once,

decide the question, and if agreeable appoint their committees and go to work.

This may be wasted ammunition; for before this reaches you favorable action may have been taken. I trust so. If not, I hope what I have said will be the means of doing some good and will bear fruit. While I was with you I did what I could, and although I am now thousands of miles away if there is anything I can do for Great Bend and Barton county, just let me know. With very kindest regards I am very truly yours, G. M. Moss.

## HIT 'EM AGAIN.

"Honest John" Wanamaker Hits Dingley and His Tariff Bill a Telling Blow.



IN A recent speech at the business men's league at Philadelphia, Ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker confessed the miserable weaknesses of republican promises, and incidentally declared that future defeat at the polls is sure to follow as a natural result of the party's present course. A number of his associates have severely criticized the speech, an extract from which is given below. It makes no difference whether Mr. Wanamaker has really seen the error of his way and reformed, or whether he is but working off some spleen engendered by disappointment; what he says is gospel truth, and what he predicts is sure to come to pass—has already come to pass in a great measure—for "a new political party" has already been born in the alliance of the silver forces during the late campaign. Among the most pointed remarks of Mr. Wanamaker are the following: "The country, my friends, is not prosperous. Since the outset of the last presidential campaign the party press and political leaders generally fixed the November election of 1896 as the date of the beginning of good times. A full half of the year has expired since the will of the Republican party was declared. Thus far but one of the important issues of the campaign is nearing settlement, and hardly any noticeable improvement of the wretched times is manifest. The tide will soon set in strongly against the Republican party unless the depression of business is altered. Idleness and want breed a bitter discontent, which will never be overcome till there are ample employments.

"The foes America has to fear are not the Sultan of Turkey, nor the insurgents of Cuba, nor the territory-grasping British, but they are our patient and heart tired people, our own suffering, much promised people who, betrayed and disheartened, no longer have faith in their party and will turn to any leadership that offers promise of better times, believing that worse times can never come than those now existing. It is a terrible thing to observe public sentiment drift and uncaptured, the people sweeping away from the affection to the old party.

"The young men are growing up indifferent to the Republican principle, with no respect for parties of broken platforms, who used national and state patronage in payment of election contracts. The political religion of the nation is falling lower and lower under insults to intelligence, violation of law and reckless daring of unscrupulous bosses.

"There will most assuredly come a day when there will be a mighty revolt and resistance, resulting in a revolution that will bring birth to a new political party. Laws continually despised and disregarded, legislation conceived for blackmailing purposes, speculation by public officials in trust and other stocks while tariffs and other financial bills are pending, must surely and irrevocably alienate the people from their party and awaken a disposition and desperation to substitute almost any wild and untied leadership with the hope of possible relief."

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DR. MATCHETT, Chicago, Ill.

## SHORT STORIES.

If These are Yours, All Right—Though Unidentified.



CORRESPONDENT writes: I have a horse that has lately suffered from periodical fits of dizziness. Please answer through your valuable paper and let me know what to do with him. I'm afraid he will get worse if something is not done soon. Our advice based on a careful perusal of a copy of "Every Man His Own Horse Doctor," would be to take him some time when he is not dizzy and sell him to a stranger.

An eastern editor says that a man in New York got himself into trouble by marrying two wives. A western editor replies that a good many have done the same thing by marrying one. A northern editor says that quite a number of his acquaintances found trouble through barely promising to marry and not going any farther. A southern editor says that a friend of his was bothered enough when he was simply found in company with another man's wife.

It is remarked by an exchange that the lady who gently tapped her husband on the shoulder with a fan at the social the other night and said, "Love, it is growing late; I think we had better go home," is the same one who after getting home, shook the rolling pin under his nose and said, "You infamous old snaggle-toothed scoundrel you, if you ever look at that mean hateful, calico-faced mackerel eyed old thing your eyes were riveted on tonight, again I'll burst your cocoanut wide open, for you."

A Missouri paper has the following to say about cigarettes: A cigarette is a roll of paper, tobacco and drugs, with a small fire at one end and a large fool at the other. Some of the enjoyments are condensed nightmare, fits, cancer of the lips and the stomach, spinal meningitis, softening of the brain, funeral processions and families shrouded in gloom. There are plenty of subjects left, however, who are perfectly willing to undergo trials of such a trivial nature for the sake of style.

An honest old blacksmith despairing of getting cash out of a delinquent debtor, agreed to take his note for the amount due. The debtor wished to go to a lawyer and have the document drawn up, but the knight of the anvil who had been a sheriff in days gone by, felt fully competent to draw it up himself. This he proceeded to do, with the following result: "On the first day of June I promise to pay Jeems Nit the sum of eleven dollars and if said note be not paid on the date aforesaid, then this instrument is to be null and void and of no effect. Witness my hand etc."

A gentleman once said to a reporter: "I never took a paper that did not pay me more than I did for it. One time an old friend of mine started a paper, and I subscribed just to encourage him, and after a while it published a notice that an administrator had an order to sell a lot at public auction. So I enquired about the lot and told my friend to run it up to \$50. He bid me off the lot for \$37 and I sold it in a month for \$100; so I made \$63 clear by taking that paper. My father told me that when he was a young man he saw a notice in the paper that a school teacher was wanted way off in a distant country, and he went there and got the situation, and a little girl was sent to him, and after a while she grew up sweet and pretty and he married her. Now if he hadn't taken that paper what do you reckon would have become of me? I would have been some other fellow, or may be I wouldn't have been at all."

A Horton man who smokes four cigars a day and chews 25 cents worth of tobacco a week says he is too poor to take a newspaper. He is a very smart man, too. By getting hold of a foreign advertising sheet he spent one dollar learning how to keep sober; the answer was to take the pledge. He also sent fifty 2-cent stamps to find out how to raise beets, and received a postal card reply: "Take hold of the top and pull." It was the same person that sent fifty 1-cent stamps to a fellow in the east for twelve useful household articles,

and received a paper of needles. He is a relative to the man who sent five dollars to find out how to write without a pen and ink, and the answer was, "Try a lead pencil." He must be a twin brother of the man who sent \$2 to find out how to make money without work, and was told in one black line on a postal card, to "Fish for suckers like we do."

## They're Coming Back To Kansas.

They're a comin' back to Kansas, they're a crossin' on the bridge; you can see their mover wagons on the top of every ridge. On the highways and the turnpikes you can hear their wagons hum, for they're comin' back to Kadsas, and they're comin' on the run. Who's a comin' back to Kansas? Why the migratory crowd who left the state some months ago with curses long and loud; and they swore by the Eternal that they never would return to this Kansas land infernal where the hot winds blast and burn; where the rivers run in riot when they want it to be dry, where the sun so fiercely scorches when they want a cloudy sky. So they loaded up the children and they whistled to the dogs; tied a cow behind the wagon, to the butcher sold the hogs; hitched the ponies to the schooner, turned her prow towards the east, left this beastly state of Kansas for a land of fat and feast. Did they find it? Naw—they didn't! though they roamed the country o'er from the lakes up in the northland to the far off ocean shore; and they found that other sections had their tales of woe to sing, so they're humpin' now for Kansas, at the breaking forth of spring.—Harmon D. Wilson, in the Beloit Gazette.

## As to A Creamery.

The second meeting of farmers interested in the dairy business was held at the court room last Saturday afternoon. C. W. J. McGreevy was made chairman and Flen Harris secretary. Various matters concerning the creamery business—the test matter, profits, prices for butter fat, cost of a plant etc.—were discussed.

On motion two committees were appointed to wait upon the Heizer and Logan creameries and obtain facts and figures relative to a co-operative creamery. To go to Heizer—L. P. Frey and S. H. Gwin; to Logan—E. W. Chaffee and Geo. Hart.

These committees are also to ascertain how many farmers in the vicinity of Great Bend will be willing to take stock in and partonize a co-operative creamery at Great Bend, and report at the next meeting, which will be held in the court room on Saturday the 28th, at 2 p. m. The meeting then adjourned to above date. About twenty farmers were present, and each one was instructed to get others into the next meeting.

## To Dam the Draws.

A number of farmers living in Decatur county have formed an organization for the purpose of damming the draws and retaining much of the surplus water that falls. More than thirty leading farmers signed the agreement, which is as follows: "We the undersigned, do hereby agree to construct or assist in constructing reservoirs for the purpose of holding water, by building dams across draws or otherwise on our respective farms the ensuing year."

It is intended to put one or two dams on every quarter section of land. The men have pledged to do this, and are all in earnest. Work will begin at once so that the ponds may be ready to receive the early summer rains. It will not be a difficult matter to construct the dams as the mouths of the draws need only to be filled up properly.

The action of these few farmers has started others to thinking, and it is possible the plan will be followed in other parts of the county.—Russell Journal.

## Memorial Day Program.

Members of the Post and auxiliaries meet at Post room at 9: A. M. At 10: A. M. march to Main and Broadway, and form in procession to cemetery.

## AFTERNOON.

Exercises in the Court Yard Park, at 2:30.  
1—Music by McCray's Band.  
2—Song, by Glee Club.  
3—Invocation.  
4—Music.  
5—Reading Orders, by Adjutant.  
6—Music.  
7—Address by Father Brown.  
8—Song, by Miss Vida Shaw.  
9—Reading of Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg.  
10—Song, "America," by School Children.  
11—Address by Judge C. B. Graves.  
12—Song, by Glee Club.  
13—Music, by the Band.

LOST—One dark brown mare, five years old, star in forehead, weighs about 950 pounds. A suitable reward will be given for any information. Wm. Cook, Albert, Kan. Three miles north-east of Albert.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Cladin had a good rain Thursday night.

Board of equalization meeting Monday June 7th.

Wheat is going to be high this year—about four feet.

L. F. Johnson was over from Hoisington, Saturday.

Mrs. T. H. Blewer, of the west side, was shopping in town Monday.

The old saw, "Talk is cheap," does not apply to the present congress.

Next Monday will be celebrated as Memorial Day in this city.

Warm days and heavy dews at night makes the corn hump itself.

Charlie Zutavern got some photographs of the ditch force last Friday.

Many thousand new ties are being put in along the roadbed of the Santa Fe.

Will Merritt is having an addition built to the butter room at the creamery.

Get your envelopes and letter heads printed at this office—we can save you money.

Liquor bills cannot be collected by process of law, in several states of the Union.

Baby carriage for sale. Willow bed; steel wheels. Price \$8.00; Call on Mrs. A. WEST.

A postoffice is a good place to learn how easy it is for some people to lie on short notice.

Ira Brouger returned Friday morning from attendance on the A. of P. grand lodge.

Will it rain Decoration Day? is the question that is now uppermost. It generally does.

The ditch machines are this week working west of Mr. Gidden's place, in Buffalo township.

Dora Griffith says he will have the "dandiest place in town" when he gets into his new quarters.

Mrs. Elva Lightfoot spent several enjoyable days last week at the Musical Jubilee in Hutchinson.

S. Mossbarger, the Pawnee Rock barber, was in town last Friday and called on the DEMOCRAT.

The men who are writing bail insurance have a snap—providing there are no severe hail storms.

Cliff Davis says he pulled up a bunch of rye on the south side last week, that measured nearly six feet tall.

Harry Brown, sheriff of Rush county, was in the city last Thursday on his way home from Topeka.

E. A. Freeland and family will leave next Sunday for a month's visit in Chicago and other eastern points.

Miss Bina Deighton, who has been away teaching for the past few months, is home to spend the summer vacation.

J. J. Thorn was down from Kinsley last week visiting his parents and looking after property interests here.

Mr. Reinecke, of near Heizer, one of the stockholders in the Heizer creamery was doing business in town Saturday.

Nothing but a hail storm or rust can prevent a big wheat crop in this county this season. But there is yet time for both.

Notice Chas. Lundblade's stove ad. and then go and see those new Electric Acorn Cook Stoves—they are the ladies' delight.

Rev. J. C. Berger, lately from Chicago, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday, morning and evening.

Will Boughan who is employed in the Mo. P. shops at Kansas City, came out last week for a few days visit with his parents.

From the sample of weather dished up to us of late we are led to believe that it is now safe to take down the heating stove.

It is reported that petroleum has been found at a depth of 100 feet, on a farm near Syracuse, on the west line of the state.

Another good rain all over the country. We had just as well keep this item standing for use each week until the middle of June.

Hon. Sam Jones, of Lyons, will make the Memorial Day address at Pawnee Rock Sunday the 30th. Speaking to commence at 2 p. m.

LOST—A coil cart spring, between Great Bend and my farm. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at THE DEMOCRAT office. J. JURGENSON.

Arthur Taylor has taken a position in the Farmers and Merchants Bank. We hope to do business some day with "Arthur Taylor, cashier."

The implement business is picking up—but not by reason of the "Diplomacy" bill—as one of the applicants for a teachers certificate spells it.

Hoisington's summer normal, under the direction of Professors O. R. Kackley and F. M. Chapman, opened Monday the 24th, with a fair attendance.

Johannie McMullin now has a regular "sit" in the DEMOCRAT office. Johnnie is one of the boys who do not propose to be idle during school vacation.

Sewing Machines, warranted for five years, \$19. Drop head Machine at \$25. Come and see them—no pot metal.

## THE GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

The Iowa supreme court recently decided that a physician had a right to advertise, and also that he is neglecting his business if he does not do so.

Miss Drue Hogue, who has been teaching school for the past two years in Enid, Ok., came up last week to visit with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Caraway.

Dad Delaplaine thinks the fellow that stole his harness went on the principle that Dad was earning his money mightily easy sprinkling the streets this spring.

Everything in the crop line is growing magnificently. And we might remark—on the side—that weeds are also making plenty of work for the farmer.

Dr. Hess will probably move the large, two story residence west of the college about a quarter of a mile, onto the vacant lots on Broadway west of Dr. Shaw's.

Peter Meyers and wife, Isaac Markel and wife, J. L. Bryant, Mike Jacobs and Wm. Westfall, all of Beaver township were doing business in town Monday.

C. V. Brinkman, who is in the south-west in the interests of the Walnut Creek Mills, will make Golden, New Mexico, his headquarters for the next few months.

For sale—2nd Hand Deering Binder and Hodge Header, also good grain drill, good condition—Cash or good note—Enquire at Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Much wheat is beginning to head out. We are now within about three weeks of the beginning of harvest, and the prospects for a good crop are growing better every day.

C. E. Bradley, of Logan county, stopped off last week to visit with his brother-in-law, Postal Clerk Freeland. His wife and daughter have been making a visit here also.

Attend the class address of Prof. F. M. Blackman, of the State University, at the college chapel next Tuesday evening. No charge for admission, and everybody cordially invited.

The new text book law stands, and Kansas people will save thousands of dollars annually on the purchase of school books. Score another point for the anti-gold-standard legislature.

State Superintendent Stryker invites any teacher in Kansas who may have work of unusual merit done by a pupil to send it in for the exhibit in the state superintendent's office in the state house.

J. L. Norris, of Newcastle Pa., was married to Miss Effie J. Norris, daughter of Capt. N. E. Norris, at Cladin, on Wednesday the 26th. The young couple will make their future home in Pennsylvania.

H. Marvin Mayes, aged 19, died at his home at Stanley, Va., Monday, May 17th. Deceased was the youngest brother of A. H. Mayes of the south side, who went back to Virginia to be present at the funeral.

Valentine Kramer, of near DuBuque, was a caller on the DEMOCRAT Monday. Mr. Kramer tells us he has the finest prospect for a splendid wheat crop that he has had since 1888. We wish him abundant success.

MUSICIANS.—I want a class to take instructions on the violin. Prefer to have six to start with. Ask for particulars of Fred Zutavern, or at DEMOCRAT office. Address, Ambrose Baier, Seward, Kansas. 8 11

The editor of one of our contemporaries says he stepped into the store of a business man who did not advertise, and was surprised to find him busy. The storekeeper had the itch; likewise a Waterbury watch, and when he wasn't scratching himself he was winding his watch.